

REMARKS

The Applicants' thank the Examiners for the courtesy of granting an interview on September 9, 2003.

In the Advisory Office Action, the Examiner contends that the Applicants' arguments are not persuasive.

Based on the interview with the Examiner, it was decided that independent claims 1, 12, 17, 31, and 43 be amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of the prior art references of Sugiyama (US. 5,392,307) and Yang (US. 5,805,624).

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 12, 17, 31, and 43 are now amended.

Thus, it is requested that the rejections applied be traversed.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance, and such early action is respectfully solicited. Should matters remain which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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